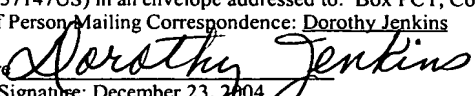
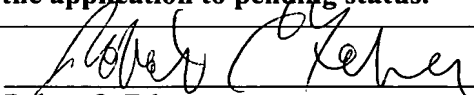


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/519512</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006468		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 June 2003 (18.06.03)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 June 2002 (25.06.02)	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP USING A TWIN-ROLL CASTING DEVICE					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gerald HOHENBICHLER, Gerald ECKERSTORFER, and Armin SCHERTLER					
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An Executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information (<i>specify</i>): <i>5 sheets of drawings; Print EFS form; postcard</i> 					
<p style="text-align: center;">EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee (mail label # EV342537147US) in an envelope addressed to: Box PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 23, 2004: Name of Person Mailing Correspondence: <u>Dorothy Jenkins</u></p> <p>Signature:  Date of Signature: December 23, 2004</p>					

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
[X] a) Basic national fee.....				\$300.00	\$ 300.00
[X] b) Examination fee.....				\$200.00	\$ 200.00
[X] c) Search fee.....				\$500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
[] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$ 0.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,900.00	
[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				\$ 00.00	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by the appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$	
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a. [X] A check (check number <u>19119</u>) in the amount \$ <u>1,900.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>15-0700</u> in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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